Councillors expired on the 8th January, 1975 and after the expiry of the term an Administrator was appointed. This Administrator was not appointed by superseding the elected council of the City Corporation of Bangalore City.

The Hubli-Dharwar Corporation is governed by the Bombay Provincial Corporation Act, 1949. This Municipal Corporation was superseded on the 22nd August 1975 as the Corporation had made persistent default in the performance of duties and as it was found to be incompetent to perform them. The supersession was ordered after giving the Corporation sufficient opportunity to retreat the charges levelled against it. The constant failure of the Corporation to perform the duties entrusted to it forced the Government to supersede this Corporation. The fact that the opposition was in a clear majority and that both the offices of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor were held by persons belonging to the opposition, was not a ground on which supersession was considered. Eight grounds in respect of which the Corporation had failed in its duties were taken into consideration before superseding the Body. It is not correct to say that the supersession was made inspite of any orders from the High Court or the Supreme Court.

As both these Corporations were governed by different Acts and as some more City Municipalities might have to be converted into Corporations, it was thought fit that all the Corporations in the State should be governed by a common Act. The Common Corporation Bill was passed by both the houses of the State Legislature. The bill has been referred to the President for his assent and his assent is awaited The territorial divisions for both these Corporations will have to be formed on the basis of the provisions of the new Bill. The Government propose to hold the elections under the provisions of the Common Corporation Act after giving effect to as early as possible.

At present, Government have not thought of nominating advisory bodies to both the Corporations.

(*iii*) *re : Clash at Bellagavi village, Shikaripur Taluk.*

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA (Sagar).—I call the attention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to the clash at Bellagavi village in Shikaripur Taluk on 10-3-1977 resulting in the death of one person.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—I wish to make the following statement :

On 9-3-1977 in the afternoon when the car festival of Kedareshawara was going on in Belgavi village in Shiralkoppa Police Station limits of Shikaripura Taluk, Janatha Party people took out procession

with Bullock cart and party flags on the street of Belagavi village in connection with Lok Sabha election campaign. At the same time, Congress party people came in their propaganda car with party flags also doing campaign for the same election. When the Janatha processionists and the Congress propaganda car came very close to each other, there was some exchange of words followed by scuffle over right of way. The police who were present in the village interfered and controlled the situation. When the Janatha party procession proceeded further with shouting of slogans one boy by name Abdul Azeez aged about 15 years was found by his relatives participating in the Janatha Party procession and also shouting slogans. He was pulled out from the procession by the relatives and reprimanded for having participated in the Janatha procession. At that time, some Janatha Party members including K.R. Krishnamurthy tried to plead with the relatives of Abdul Azeez that he was only a boy and could have been allowed to participate in the procession. In the process Sri Krishnamurthy of Janatha Party was alleged to have made some remarks against Muslims. This was conveyed to Shri Abdul Razak, aged 56 years, the leaders of Muslim community in Bellagavi village. On 10-3-1977 at about 4 p.m. a Panchayath was held in the village temple at the request of the said Abdul Razack to clarify why Krishnamurthy had made those remarks. In the panchayat the allegation was denied by Krishnamurthy and arguments were followed by a scuffle. In the scuffle Abdul Azeez aged about 45, received injuries and died subsequently in Mcgann Hospital, Shimoga and 19 other Muslim sustained injuries. Krishnamurthy and 11 others also sustained injuries and injured persons from both sides were treated in Shiralkoppa Hospital and all have since been discharged. In connection with the above incident cases were registered in Cr. No. 26 and 27/77 u/s. 143, 147, 149, 324 and 326 Indian Penal Code against 23 persons in one case and against 25 persons in the other. On the death of Abdul Azeez Sab on 11-3-1977, a murder case under section 302 Indian Penal Code was registered at Shiralkoppa Police Station and 7 persons have been arrested. Investigation is in progress and the Superintendent of Police is personally supervising the same.

† ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ.—ತಾವು ಈ ಘಟನೆ ಸಂಬಂಧದಲ್ಲಿ ಇವತ್ತು ಏನು ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ ಬಹುಶಃ ಈ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಕಡಿಮೆ ವಾಸ್ತವಿಕ ವಿಚಾರಗಳನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಒಂದು ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ತಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಇದೇ ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಹಾಗೆ ಆವತ್ತು ಘಟನೆ ಏನು ನಡೆಯಿತು ಅದೇ ದಿವಸ ಸಂಜೆ 6 ಗಂಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ರೇಡಿಯೋನಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪ ಮಾಡಿದಿರಿ. ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ you took a partial attitude in so far as this incident is concerned. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ತಮ್ಮಂತಹವರು, ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಹೊತ್ತಿರತಕ್ಕಂತಹವರು

ರೇಡಿಯೋಪಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವರ್ತಮಾನವನ್ನು ಬಿತ್ತರಿಸುವಾಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಂದ ಏನಾದರೂ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್ ತರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡರೇ. ತರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಅದನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಮಾಡಿ ಅದರ ವಾಸ್ತವಿಕ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಅರ್ಥ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಆ ರೀತಿ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದ್ದೀರಾ. ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದವರು, ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರತಕ್ಕವರು, ಸ್ವಲಾಭ ಕೊಸ್ಕರ ಆ ರೀತಿ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ಪಡುವುದರಿಂದ ಅಡ್ಡಿ ಆತಂಕ ಉಂಟಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಆ ರೀತಿ ಆಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಬಾರದು ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

† ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ್ ಅರಸ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಮೊದಲನೆಯದಾಗಿ ನಾನು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅವರಿಗೆ ನನ್ನ ಅಭಿನಂದನೆಗಳು. ಒಂದೊಂದೆ ಸಾರಿ ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಎರಡನೆಯದಾಗಿ ನಾನು ಎಲ್ಲೂ ರೇಡಿಯೋದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಷಣ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇನೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಎಲೆಕ್ಷನ್ ಟೈಮಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು ಯಾವ ರೇಡಿಯೋ ಸ್ಪೇಷನ್ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದೆ ? ಅದು ರೇಡಿಯೋದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂತು, ಇದು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಬಂತು, ಖೂನಿ ಆದುದೂ ಬಂತು. ಅವನು ಸತ್ತುಹೋದ, ಇವನು ಸತ್ತು ಹೋದ ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಅದಕ್ಕೆಲ್ಲಾ ನಾನು ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರನಲ್ಲ. ನಾನು ಎಂದೂ ಸುಳ್ಳು ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿಲ್ಲ. ಚುನಾವಣೆ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಘರ್ಷಣೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಒಬ್ಬ ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಕೆಲಸಗಾರ ಮರಣ ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದಾನೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಆದರೆ ಈ ಸಾರಿಯ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿರೋಧಪಕ್ಷದವರು ಹೇಳಿರುವಂಥ ಸುಳ್ಳಿನ ಕಂತೆಯನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು ಹೇಳಿಬಿಟ್ಟರೆ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯ ಪಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅದರಲ್ಲೂ ಈ ಸಾರಿಯ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿಂತೂ ಎಷ್ಟು ಸುಳ್ಳನ್ನು ಹೇಳಬೇಕೋ ಅಷ್ಟನ್ನೂ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ನಿಜವಾದ ಸಂಗತಿಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ.—ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಅವರು ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಇಂದಿರಾಗಾಂಧಿಯವರ ಬಗ್ಗೆಯೂ ಸುಳ್ಳು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸು.—ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ನೀವು ಸುಳ್ಳು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಿರಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ.—ಮುಂದೆ ನೋಡೋಣ.

Matter under Rule 312

re : Suspension of Class I Officer by the General Manager of the KSRTC.

SRI P. M. BANGI (Jamkhandi).—Under Rule 312 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Legislative Assembly, I raised a matter relating to the suspension of class-I officer of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation by the General Manager. I want that the suspension be cancelled by the Government immediately.

† SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI (Minister for Transport and Tourism).—The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation in their letter dated 16-2-1976 proposed certain amendments to the KSRTC (Conduct and Discipline) Regulations, 1971. The disciplinary authority appointed under the existing provisions in respect of Class I Officers in regard to punishments (i) to (viii) (Minor Penalties) is the General Manager and the appellate